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RE United States Patent Application for System, Device, and Method For Providing Mutual Exclusion for Computer System Resources
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COMMENTS

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Applicant: Michael P. Wagner Att'y Docket: 1956/126
Serial No.: 09/480,390 Art Unit: 2172
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Title: **SYSTEM, DEVICE, AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING MUTUAL EXCLUSION FOR COMPUTER SYSTEM RESOURCES**

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits this response to the Final Office Action dated September 11, 2002.

AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 1-40 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 41-74 as follows:

41. A method for providing mutual exclusion for a resource in a computer system having a plurality of processes, the method comprising: